Whenever any lessor shall desire to have again and 752. repossess any premises to which he is entitled under the provisions of the preceding section, he, or his duly qualified agent or attorney, shall make his written complaint under oath or affirmation, in the People's Court of Baltimore City, and describing therein in general terms the property sought to be had again and repossessed as aforesaid, and also setting forth the name of the tenant to whom the same is rented, or his assignee or under tenant or tenants, with the amount of rent thereon due and unpaid; and praying by warrant to have again and repossess the premises, together with judgment for the amount of rent due and costs; and it shall thereupon be the duty of said People's Court of Baltimore City forthwith to issue summons, directed to a constable of said Court, ordering him to notify said tenant, assignee or under tenant forthwith to appear before the said People's Court at trial to be held on the second day after the filing of said complaint, except as hereinafter provided, to show cause why the prayer of said lessor should not be granted as aforesaid, and the said constable shall forthwith proceed to serve said summons upon said tenant, assignee or under tenant in said premises, or upon his or their known or authorized agent, but if for any reason. neither said tenant, assignee or under tenant, nor his or their agent can be found, then said constable shall affix an attested copy of said summons conspicuously upon said premises, and such affixing of said summons shall, for the purposes of this sub-division of this Article, be deemed and construed a sufficient service upon all persons whomsoever.

The Judges of the People's Court may by rule provide for the service of summons in cases brought in said Court under the provisions of the preceding paragraph hereof by registered mail with return receipt. Where service is by registered mail, the clerk shall enclose the summons in an envelope addressed to the defendant, prepay the postage and mail the same forthwith, noting on the records the day and hour of mailing. Such receipt when returned shall be attached by the clerk to the original complaint and shall constitute prima facie evidence of service upon the defendant. If such receipt is not returned within such time as shall be prescribed by rule, personal service of such summons shall be made by constable upon said tenant, assignee or under tenant in said premises, or upon his or their known or authorized agent, but if for any reason neither said tenant, assignee or under tenant, nor his or their agent can be found, then said constable shall affix an attested copy of said summons conspicuously upon said premises, and such affixing of said summons shall, for the purposes of this sub-division of this Article, be deemed and construed a sufficient service upon all persons whomsoever. Any such regis-